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Art Unit: 3617

Examiner: VASUDEVA, Ajay

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-8 and 31 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 14 has been amended. After entry of this Amendment, claims 9-12, 14-28, and 32-34 will remain pending.

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 9-12, 14-28, and 32-34 are allowable. Claim 14 has been amended to correct a clerical error (i.e. "one").

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). Specifically, the drawings were objected to for not showing a first tuning tube wrapped around a second tuning tube. Claim 31 which recites this feature has been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

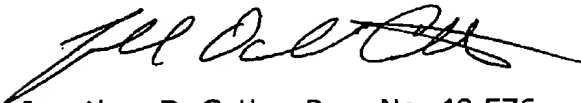
The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Specifically, the specification was objected to in view of "the tuning tube connected in a common plane". Claim 1 which recites this feature has been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

Claim 1-8 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b). Claims 1-8 and 31 have been canceled, rendering the rejection moot.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 9-12, 14-28, and 32-34 are allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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